

THE WISCONSIN SUPREME COURT



Justice 6



Justice 4



Justice 2



Chief Justice



Justice 3



Justice 5



Justice 7

During oral argument of the Wisconsin Supreme Court, the justices often ask questions of the attorneys presenting their cases. The Supreme Court hears cases that relate to the development or clarification of a law or that have statewide legal significance. The Supreme Court is an error-correcting court.

THE BENCH

THE ATTORNEYS' TABLE

One or two attorneys for each side of the case sit at the attorneys' table. Each side has 30 minutes to present its arguments.



Podium with
Gavel Meter



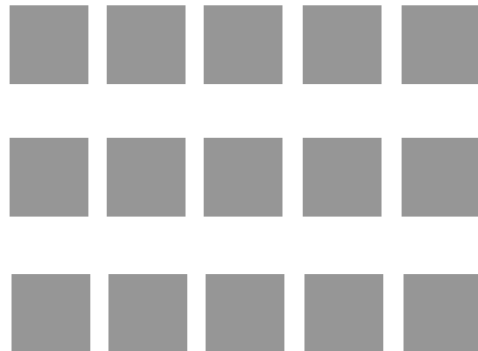
The Gavel Meter tells the attorneys how much time they have to present their arguments. First a green light appears telling the attorney to begin. A yellow light appears when five minutes remain, and a red light appears telling the attorney to stop his/her presentation.

THE MARSHAL'S DESK

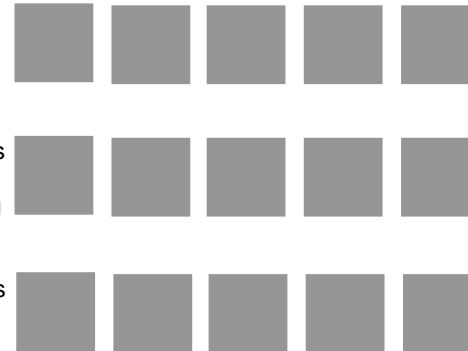
The Marshal calls the Court to order, monitors the gavel meter, and maintains the security and decorum of the proceedings.



Members of the media sit here. Reporters, photographers, and videographers listen to and record oral argument.



Wisconsin Supreme Court oral arguments are open to the public. The Court's session runs from September 1 through June 30. During the session, the Court generally hears oral arguments for three days each month, with three cases heard each day.



These seats are reserved for **law clerks**. Law clerks are recent law school graduates who are appointed by a justice for one-year terms. They assist the justices in researching and drafting opinions.

